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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

--1. ~~(Amended)~~ A negative electrode for an electrochemical cell, comprising [active] particles selected from the group consisting of zinc particles and] zinc alloy particles, the [active] particles being suspended in a fluid medium, at least about 10 percent, by weight, of the active particles being of -200 mesh size or smaller.--

--2. ~~(Amended)~~ The negative electrode of claim 1, wherein at least about 25 percent, by weight, of the [active] particles are of -200 mesh size or smaller.--

--3. ~~(Amended)~~ The negative electrode of claim 2, wherein at least about 50 percent, by weight, of the [active] particles are of -200 mesh size or smaller.--

--4. ~~(Amended)~~ The negative electrode of claim 3, wherein at least about 80 percent, by weight, of the [active] particles are of -200 mesh size or smaller.--

--5. ~~(Amended)~~ The negative electrode of claim 1, wherein at least about 10 percent, by weight, of the [active] particles are of -325 mesh size or smaller.--

--6. ~~(Amended)~~ The negative electrode of claim 5, wherein at least about 45 percent, by weight, of the [active] particles are of -325 mesh size or smaller.--

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